

REMARKS

The rejections of any one of Claims 1-5 and 11-29: (1) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over either US 4,495,173 or US 4,450,152; (2) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over US 5,342,611 alone or in any combination with US 4,402,936, US 4,296,763, and US 4,459,471; and (3) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combined disclosures of US 5,286,476, GB 824,353, and US 4,296,763 are respectfully traversed.

The rejection of any one of Claims 1-5 and 11-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by amendment.

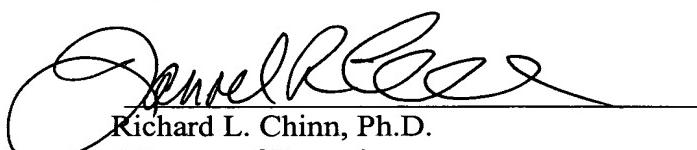
Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include limitations of previously presented dependent Claims, the combination of which is believed both novel and unobvious over the references of record.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the comments contained in the Response and Request for Reconsideration filed July 27, 2005, which are hereby incorporated by reference, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. An early notification of the same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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